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- **Proper long term funding.**
- **A high quality system run for the people not for profit.**
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- **Franchising (public control)** is the first step. This gives the transport authority control over routes, timetables and fares, and enables them to cross-subsidise routes – with more profitable sections of the network being used to prop up less used but necessary routes. Under public control there can be a fully integrated transport system.
- **Increased government funding** based on each region's needs. Regions should receive funding as a right, not because central government thinks it is to their political advantage to support some regions and not others.
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